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Steens Mountain Advisory Council; Public Meeting Date Change

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior

ACTION: Notice of Change in Public Meeting Date

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, and the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), the Steens Mountain Advisory Council (SMAC) will meet as indicated below:

DATES: The August 15-16, 2013 SMAC meeting has been rescheduled for Monday, September 30, and Tuesday, October 1, 2013, in Hines, Oregon. The exact meeting time, agenda, and location will be announced online at www.blm.gov/or/rac/steens-rac-minutes.php prior to September 20, 2013. A public comment period will be available each day of the session. Unless otherwise approved by the SMAC Chair, the public comment period will last no longer than 30 minutes, and each speaker may address the SMAC for a maximum of 5 minutes. Meeting times and the duration scheduled for public comment periods may be extended or altered when the authorized representative considers it necessary to accommodate necessary business and all who seek to be heard regarding matters before the SMAC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tara Martinak, Public Affairs

Specialist, BLM Burns District Office, 28910 Highway 20 West, Hines, Oregon 97738-9424, (541) 573-4519, or email tmartina@blm.gov. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1(800) 877-8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The SMAC was initiated August 14, 2001, pursuant to the Steens Mountain Cooperative Management and Protection Act (CMPA) of 2000 (Public Law 106-399). The SMAC provides representative counsel and advice to the BLM regarding new and unique approaches to management of the land within the bounds of the Steens Mountain CMPA; recommending cooperative programs and incentives for landscape management that meet human needs, and the maintenance and improvement of the ecological and economic integrity of the area. Tentative agenda items for the September 30-October 1, 2013, meeting include: the Steens Mountain Comprehensive Recreation Plan, the South Steens Allotment Management Plan, the BLM's Wild Horse and Burro Program, juniper management and Sage-grouse, and future meeting agendas, dates, and locations. Any other matters that may reasonably come before the SMAC may also be addressed. This meeting is open to the public in its entirety. Information to be distributed to the SMAC is requested prior to the start of each meeting.

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comments, please be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

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